

**WEEKLY REPORT**  
**Region 9**  
**Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Week of January 13, 2017**  
**Superfund Division**

**Highlight of Past Week**

**Triple Site Offsite OU VI Investigation (Sunnyvale, CA):** Results from December's winter sampling appointments show another residential building affected by TCE vapors above the short-term screening level. Sampling results from a **Personal Privacy 6** show TCE levels of up to 2.5 ug/m3 in the crawlspace and up to 1.0 ug/m3 in indoor air. We are communicating the results to the owners, property manager and tenants and arranging for re-sampling to confirm these results. This will bring the total number of residential buildings requiring mitigation to 12 (comprising over 40 households). (Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

**Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine:** The Mine Impoundment has risen 0.8 feet as a result of the past week's storms. This is primarily as a result of direct rainfall into the Impoundment. There is currently 4 feet of remaining capacity before the impoundment reaches the controlled overflow into Clear Lake, which appears to be sufficient Impoundment capacity to prevent overflow. Region 9 is continuing to monitor the Impoundment with remote sensing equipment installed by the Regional Lab and with assistance from the Army Corps of Engineers (Sacramento District). We are working closely to communicate our findings to the Elem Indian Colony and other stakeholders. (Contact: Gary Riley, x2-3003 or Carter Jessop, x2-3815)

**Mt. Diablo Mercury Mine:** Gary Riley joined Central Valley RWQCB staff on a January 4 site visit to inspect recent work conducted by Sunoco to stabilize stream slopes and a berm. The original work was performed under an EPA removal order in 2009. The recent work included adding additional armoring to protect the creek channel and prevent erosion into a settling pond berm. Recent rains have increased the water level in the settling pond, and water is flowing out of the pond spillway into the creek. The stream slopes and berm appear to be protected ahead of additional winter rains. The RWQCB is the regulatory lead for this site (non-NPL) and the RWQCB is continuing to oversee Sunoco's cleanup actions at the mine. (Contact: Gary Riley, x2-3003)

**Reno/Sparks Flooding:** Region 9 received an ESF-10 pre-deployment mission assignment form FEMA on Sunday, January 8. OSC Dunkelman deployed to the Carson City EOC, while ESF 10 Rep Richman deployed to the Oakland RRCC for FEMA. The ESF10 desk and OSC monitored the flooding situation through the early part of this week. Fortunately, only minor issues with chemical and oil releases were encountered and these were handled by local authorities. (Contact: Dunkelman 775-721-4712)

**Spirit of Sacramento, Sausalito, CA:** OSC Reiner is overseeing removal of hazardous

materials from the Spirit of Sacramento this week. The vessel is staged at the Army Corps of Engineers yard in Sausalito (Bay Model facility). ERRS has removed marine batteries, compressed gas cylinders and paint waste containers so far. ERRS will also drain all lines of fluid for disposal. Following this week's activities, contractors to Contra Costa County will demolish the vessel and we will leave a wrangler box for additional hazardous wastes identified in that process. All waste will be removed from Site following the county's activities. (Contact: Christopher Reiner, 415-971-6911)

**Cove Wells, Cove, AZ:** OSC Weden is travelling to the Cove Wash Site (on the Navajo Nation) to complete installation of warning signs on 3 contaminated wells. These wells are typically used for agriculture but residents have been known to take water for domestic uses as well. (Contact: Christopher Weden 415-971-6962)

### **Significant Items for Next Week**

**San Carlos Pesticides, San Carlos Apache Reservation, AZ:** Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

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Contact: Harry Allen, 415-218-7406)

### **Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)**

### **Grant Announcements**

### **Legislative Engagement**

### **Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements**

### **30-60 Day Outlook**

### **Other Information**

**128(a) State and Tribal Response Program grants:** R9 recently received funding requests from our four states, three territories, and 14 tribes. Four of the tribes are new to the program this year: Elk Valley Rancheria, Walker River Tribe, Yerington Paiute Tribe and Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Indian tribe. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Contact: Eugenia Chow, x2-3160)

**Northeast Church Rock Mine:** EPA is moving forward with voluntary alternative housing for another family living in close proximity to the Northeast Church Rock Mine on the Navajo Nation. The family has signed a housing agreement with EPA for the purchase of a home in Gallup, NM. The agreement includes the purchase of an existing home in Gallup along with closing and moving costs. The Army Corps of Engineers is coordinating the housing purchase and move through an Interagency Agreement with EPA and has provided an offer letter with a maximum purchase amount based on comparable housing. The family has accepted the offer and is currently house hunting in Gallup. (Contact: Sara Jacobs, x2-3564)

**Division Director Schedule:** **Internal Personnel (b) (2)**

**Internal to Region 9**

**Confidential Information**

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